with the same party prior to 11th June, 1993 but after the business ban was imposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) STC signed on MOU with M/s. General Trading & Sales Corporation (GTSC) on 11.6.93. In November, 1992, STC awarded a tender to M/s. Kagaz Vyapar Kendra (KVK).

A business ban had been imposed by STC on one M/s. Mayer Marketing Consultants, New Delhi in January, 1992. It emerged subsequently in 1993 that M/s. Mayer Marketing Consultants, M/s. GTSC and M/s. KVK were inter-related.

Increase in price of different grades of Coal

3454. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increase in the prices of different grades of coal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the prices of different grades of coal in July, 1995 and the prevailing prices in July, 1996; and

(d) the steps taken to avoid the frequent rise of coal prices, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government deregulated pricing of coking coal and A, B & C grades of non-coking coal vide notification dated 22.3.96. The coal companies are now competent to fix the prices of these varieties. CIL have enhanced the prices of deregulated varieties of coal w.e.f. 1.4.96. SCCL have also enhanced the prices of B and C grades of non-coking coal w.e.f. 19.4.96, as they produce only these varieties of the deregulated categories. Further in accordance with the recommendation of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) a notification was issued on 22.3.96 increasing the price of regulated grades of coal produced in Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL) to the level notified for Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.

The prices were enhanced by CIL to make them commensurate with the cost of production of coal taking into account the increase in cost since the last price fixation. Also following a recommendation of BICP prices of coal produced by WCL have been raised to the level of prices of coal produced by SCCL because WCL operates in the same geological conditions.

(c) (Rs. per tonne)

Categories of coal	Price of ROM coal as in July '95	Price of ROM coal as in July'96		
		For companies other than MCL & WCL	For MCL	For WCL
Coking Coal				
SG-I	1048	1310	1310	1310
SG-II	875	1094	1094	1094
Washery-I	758	948	948	948
Washery-II	628	785	785	785
Washery-III	483	580	580	765
Washery-IV	450	540	540	628
Semi-Coking-I	758	948	948	948

Categories of coal	Price of ROM coal as in July '95	Price of ROM coal as in July'96 For companies other than MCL & WCL	For MCL	For WCL
Semi-Coking-II	628	785	785	785
Non-Coking coal				
Gr. A	642	771	739	936
Gr. B	586	692	663	880
Gr. C	513	590	565	795
Gr. D	406	406	406	584
Gr. E	322	322	322	486
Gr. F	257	257	257	405
Gr. G	183	183	183	305

(d) Increase in prices of coal are necessitated by the increase in the various input costs as well as wage increase etc. The increase in price of the above nature is beyond the control of the coal industry. To some extent, however, the effect of the increase in input cost can be offset by increasing productivity. CIL and SCCL are continuing to take steps to increase productivity and are focusing on better capacity utilisation of heavy earth moving machinery and increase in output per man-shift.

माल-डिब्बों की कमी के कारण कोयले की ढुलाई न किया जाना

3455. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड माल-डिब्बों की कमी के कारण कोयले की ढुलाई का लक्ष्य पूरा नहीं कर पा रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड को कोयले की ढुलाई के लिए पर्याप्त संख्या में माल डिब्बे उपलब्ध कराने हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

कोयला मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कांति सिंह): (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1995-96 के लिए प्रतिदिन 18058 चार पहिया वैगन (एफ०डब्ल्यू०डब्ल्यू०) के दैनिक लदान लक्ष्य की तुलना में वास्तविक दैनिक लदान 16900 एफ०डब्ल्यू०डब्ल्यू प्रतिदिन हुआ है। इस संबंध में कमी रही है।

(ग) वैगनों की उपलब्धता में सुधार लाए जाने के लिए कोयला कंपनियों और क्षेत्रीय रेलवे के बीच क्षेत्र स्तर पर निकटतम सम्पर्क रखा जा रहा है। रेल द्वारा कोयले के संचलन पर भी एक अंतर-मंत्रालीय बैठक में नियमित रूप से निगरानी रखी जा रही है और जहां भी अपेक्षित होता है, सुधारक उपाय किए जाते हैं।

Protection of Workers Under I.D. Act, 1947

3456. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, provides for certain measures of protection to the workers in the event of lay off, retrenchment and closure;

(b) if so, whether Government have any information about the units effecting retrenchment and workers retrenchment during the last three years in the State of Maharashtra, year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) in what manner Government had ensured that the protection measures of Industrial Disputes Act were made available to these retrenched workers in the State?